DDA flats for EPF subscribers

*231. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has offered to purchase 10,000 flats lying vacant with DDA for want of buyers to allot them to the Employees Provident fund (EPF) subscribers under "Shramik Aawas Yojana";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these flats had no takers due to lack of amenities; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such information has come to the notice of the Ministry of Labour.

(d) Does not arise.

Import duty on palm oil

†*232. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that import of the palm oil, which is mainly used by the poor, is duty free even in the less developed country like Nepal, while in India it is out of reach of the poor people due to the imposition of import duty @ 65 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider reduction in import duty on palm oil from 65 per cent to 25 per cent, so that the poor people buy it easily?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) In order to harmonise

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